

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Victims of Crime Act, enacted by Congress in 1984, affirms a national commitment to more equitable and supportive responses to crime victims, by helping them rebuild their lives through recognition of victims' rights and treating them with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS: Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year. In addition to causing emotional, physical, psychological and financial harm, victims' pain often extends to loved ones and communities; and

WHEREAS: Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and access to experts, resources and services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of trust and self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS: Individuals who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services and participate in the judicial process; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) is committed to collaborative efforts among social service, criminal justice, mental health and other agency providers that serve crime victims and their families; and

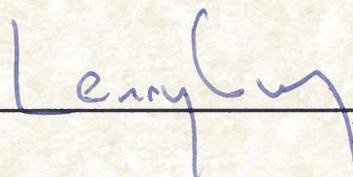
WHEREAS: National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to strengthen our commitment to serving all victims and survivors, building community resilience, and creating a better future for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join the City of Jacksonville, victim services providers, and criminal justice professionals in strengthening our commitment to all victims of crime by providing compassionate assistance, responsiveness, support, justice and peace.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 19


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA